THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Zonal Railway Deputationists in Railway Board

2232. SHRI NAGENDRA NATO OJHA. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board has executive control over all the Zonal Railways and all the officers in this office are posted on deputation from each of the Zonal Railways; and

(b) if so, what are the Zone-wise details of officials working in each directorate of Railway Board and the period thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) the Railway Board functions both as a Ministry of the Government of India and also as a Top Executive and Administrative Body controlling the Railway functions in the field. A large number of Officers of the Zonal Railways in various disciplines are working in Railway Board's Office in addition to Secretariat Officers and deputationists from other Ministries£tate Governments.

The posting of Officers of Zonal Railways to Railway Board and within the Zonal Railways and Production Units is not considered as deputation since these postings are within the Railway Organisation.

(b) The Officers of the Organised Railway Services from a part of the Central Services, having the transfer liability within the Railways and are posted in different field unitsftailway Board according to the administrative conveniences. Officers with outstanding performance and clean vigilance records are drawn from all disciplines of Zonal Railways on tenure basis for filling vacancies of respective disciplines in Railway Board's Office. There is no fixed zone-wise quota for Officers for posting in Railway Board.